P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a devastating malady which ravages the body of its victims and takes away their ability to properly speak or move their limbs; and,

WHEREAS, the cause and cure for Parkinson's Disease are still unknown; and,

WHEREAS, almost two million Americans, including thousands of citizens of this State, suffer from Parkinson's Disease; and,

WHEREAS, many persons have dedicated themselves to the treatment and rehabilitation of people afflicted with Parkinson's Disease and to research into the cause and cure of this disease; and, .

WHEREAS, the Nation's first Parkinson Rehabilitation and Research Institute, and the only one exclusively devoted to Parkinsonism, was established in Miami, Florida in 1962; and,

WHEREAS, that great humanitarian, Bob Hope, National Honorary Chairman of the National Parkinson Foundation these past twelve years, will this year be honored in having the new addition called the BOB HOPE PARKINSON RESEARCH INSTITUTE, we urge all Americans to support its good works:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning October 25th of each year,

NATIONAL PARKINSON WEEK

in South Dakota, and furthermore do invite the medical profession, the press, and all agencies and individuals interested in a national program for the control of Parkinson's Disease to unite during that week in public dedication to this program, in a concerted effort to impress upon the people of our State the need for supporting it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 14th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-one.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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